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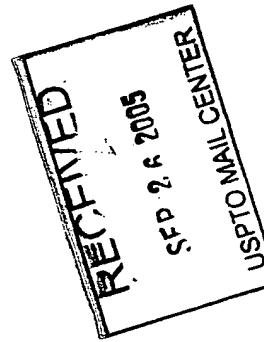
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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/730,831	FRANCO, WAYNE P.
	Examiner Daniel C. Gamett, PhD	Art Unit 1647

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 June 2005.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 16,20-24,27 and 28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 16, 20-24, 27, and 28 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____. | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____. |

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DETAILED ACTION

The Examiner for your application in the USPTO is now Daniel C. Gamett, Ph.D., Art Unit 1647.

1. The amendments of 06/29/2005 have been entered in full. Claims 1-15, 17-19, 25, 26, 29, and 30 are cancelled. Claims 16, 20-24, 27, and 28 are under examination.
2. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claim Rejections Maintained

3. Claims 16, 20-24, and 27-28 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 1, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 20 of U.S. Patent No. 6,759,386 (6 July 2004) Franco. Applicant's arguments filed 06/29/2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant first points out that the claims of the '386 patent require a method step of "selecting a patient displaying symptoms of coronary artery disease" which is not required in instant claims 16 and 24. Applicant then argues that instant claims 16 and 24 could be literally infringed without literally infringing a corresponding claim in the '386 patent, by not having the selection step. The methods of the instant claims, however, intrinsically include a step of selecting a patient displaying symptoms of coronary artery disease and cannot be performed without such a step. The preambles of instant claims 16 and 24 indicate that the recipient of treatment is a patient displaying symptoms of coronary artery disease. How else would this patient become the recipient of treatment without having been selected for treatment?
4. Applicant then describes two scenarios in an attempt to elucidate the alleged distinction between the two sets of claims. Applicant contends that a physician could practice the

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instantly claimed method on patient that had been referred to the physician after a previous confirmed diagnosis of coronary artery disease without literally infringing the '386 claims because the physician did not select on the basis of symptoms. The only case where this could be apt is when the patient had been diagnosed as having coronary artery disease without having displayed any symptoms thereof. As stated above, the preambles of the instant claims indicate that the recipients of treatment are patients displaying symptoms. Furthermore, symptom-free patients are excluded from the instant claims because method step e) requires that treatment steps b) through d) be repeated until there is a clinical indication of amelioration of *symptoms*. Therefore, one cannot practice the instantly claimed methods without literally infringing the '386 patent.

Conclusion

5. No claims are allowed.
6. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Daniel C Gamett, Ph.D., whose telephone number is 571 272 1853. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brenda Brumback can be reached on 571 272 0961. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571 273 8300.

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9 September 2005

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